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PRECEDENCE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE	
COUNTRY	EAST GERMANY/POLAND		
SUBJECT	SUSPENSION OF HARD COAL SHIPMENTS TO EAST GERMANY FROM POLAND		
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1. THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS INFORMED OF THE POLISH DECISION TO SUSPEND HARD-COAL SHIPMENTS TO EAST GERMANY BY A LETTER FROM POLISH PREMIER JOZEF CYRANKIEWICZ.
2. AT A MEETING OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WAYS OUT OF THE "CATASTROPHIC COAL SITUATION" IF POLAND DOES NOT RESCIND ITS DECISION OR IF HARD COAL CANNOT BE OBTAINED FROM THE USSR. NO DECISION WAS REACHED AT THIS MEETING BUT SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE TO ENFORCE A SHARP CURTAILMENT OF RAIL TRAFFIC, TO SUSPEND PRACTICALLY ALL PRODUCTION IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, OR TO MAKE A SEVERE CUTBACK IN LIGHT INDUSTRY PRODUCTION.
3. LEUSCHNER ACCOMPANIED HEINRICH RAU AND FRITZ SELEMANN TO MOSCOW. MEMBERS OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION EXPRESSED THE FEELING THAT THE TRIP WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL.

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KLINGENBERG POWER PLANT WAS FORCED TO STOP THE OPERATION OF TWO GENERATORS
BECAUSE OF THE COAL SHORTAGE.)

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4. [REDACTED] THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT
THE HIGH TENSION AMONG WORKERS, WHICH IS CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN IS REPORTED
IN THE EAST GERMAN PRESS. WORKERS ARE SAID TO HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE NO
ONE CAN GUARANTEE WHAT THEY MIGHT DO NEXT. DURING A RECENT VISIT BY AN
EAST GERMAN OFFICIAL TO A THURINGIAN PLANT IN A STAFF CAR, WORKERS SURROUNDED
IT, SHOUTING ABUSE.

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